

## EDITORIAL REPORT

The year 1995/96 has seen a slight increase in the number of papers received. Authorship continues to show a world-wide distribution although the proportion of BGRG members has fallen from 36% to 28%. Subscription rates will rise in 1997 for both full and member categories accompanied by an increase from 11 to 12 issues per year excluding the Technical and Software Bulletin.

130 papers have been received this year, including 20 for two special issues. Papers have come in steadily, but with two major peaks in Oct–Nov 1995 and June–Sept 1996. A quarter of the papers received came in the first period and 37% between June and September 1996 and therefore some papers are still with referees and editors. Of the fate of the remainder 26% have been accepted, 36% rejected and 38% are in revision. Overall 60–65% of the papers submitted are accepted for publication.

There have been two special issues this year 'Geomorphology at Work' edited by Colin Thorne and Alan Thompson from the IBG Conference 1994 (Vol. 20/7) and 'Desert Geomorphology' edited by Nicholas Lancaster from the Workshop on the Response of Aeolian Processes to Global Change in March 1994 at Zzyzx, California (Vol. 21/7). In addition the manuscripts are already in hand for a special issue early in 1997 on 'Linking Short-term Geomorphic Process and Landscape Evolution' from the 1995 IBG at Strathclyde, edited by David Sugden, Mike Summerfield and Tim Burt.

The number of papers published in the 10 issues produced since the last report has increased to 65, of which 58 were full papers and 7 were short communications. Despite the numbers of papers received, and the inclusion of two special issues, the publication delay currently stands at 10 months which is a decrease of two months on last year. It is expected that this will continue to fall as the full effect of the increasing size is felt.

The final version of manuscripts accepted for publication may now be submitted on disk, both text and artwork, but must be accompanied by a printed copy. Instructions are given in the current Notes for Contributors. The preparation of a CD ROM containing the first fifteen issues of the journal is now well in hand and it is hoped that it will be available by the end of the year. A more detailed ESPL home page on the WWW is also under development.

Tom Spencer has been the BGRG editor for the journal since 1990. He is now coming to the end of his six year term of office and will relinquish the post at the end of 1996. During this time he has dedicated much of his time and support to the journal. This has been greatly appreciated by editors, authors and publishers alike and our sincere thanks are due to him for all his hard work. His successor from January 1997 will be Dr. Danny McCarroll, Department of Geography, University of Wales, Swansea.

Many people contribute to the smooth running and continued success of the journal. The efforts of the increasing number of referees required are immensely valued and are vital to the maintenance of journal standards. We try to use as many different reviewers as possible and thank all those listed below who have given their time and goodwill to the journal during this year.

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